development, on farm water management, small and medium industries, information technology, education and health services.

Economic package for Bihar

2322. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a economic package for growth and development of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when it is likely to be prepared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) Yes. Sir. The High Level Committee on Development and Reform Facility (Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana) in its meeting held on 28th August 2002 approved in principle the Special Plan for Bihar which included improvement in availability of electricity in Bihar by strengthening the Sub-transmission system, improving rural connectivity, harnessing of ground water resources, watershed development, horticulture, dairy development, etc.

Sasan Canal System

2323. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for investment clearance of the project "Improvement to Sasan Canal System" in Sambalpur district of Orissa, is pending with the Planning Commission;

(b) whether the project, which involves modernisation etc., has been cleared at the 74th TAC held on the 20th September, 2000, at an estimated cost of Rs. 34.92 crores; and

(c) if so, the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The project "Improvement to Sason Canal System (excluding Paramanpur Distributary) of Hirakud